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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Control of Privately Owned Firearms (POFs), Policy Letter #28

1. REFERENCES.

a. USAREUR Regulation 190-6, Registration and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and other Weapons in Germany, 20 August 2002.

b. Army Regulation 190-14, Carrying of Firearms and Use of Force for Law Enforcement and Security Duties, 12 March 1993.

2. PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to establish policies and procedures for the handling and disposition of Privately Owned Firearms (POFs). We, as leaders, have an inherent responsibility to safeguard our soldiers, but also victims of domestic assaults. While there have been no cases within the 235th BSB involving the use of firearms in a domestic setting, this policy will assist in taking a proactive posture ensuring that repeat offenders do not have the means to commit an avoidable tragedy.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy governs all soldiers, DOD civilians and dependents living in the 235th Base Support Battalion area of responsibility.

4. Military Police Response to Domestic Violence Calls.

a. Military Police responding to either a domestic disturbance or an assault will first inquire about any POF in the quarters through both VERINET and asking both parties in the quarters. If POFs are determined to be in the quarters, the Military Police will not enter the quarters unless permission is given by the Provost Marshal, Provost Sergeant or the Senior Military Police Investigator unless the Military Police determine an immediate threat within the quarters.

b. Once the determination has been made to title the individual with an above-mentioned assault, any POFs in the quarters will be obtained by the Military Police and transported to the Military Police Station.

c. Commanders, or their representative, picking up their soldiers, will also sign for the soldier's POFs and immediately place them in the unit's arms room for safekeeping. Based on the outcome of the case, the POFs will not be returned to the soldier, dependent or civilian, until the 235th BSB Commander grants permission.

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5. As of 01 January 2001, POFs must meet the following criteria:

a. All U.S. Forces personnel must register their POFs under the German system and obtain a *Waffenbesitzkarte* (German Weapons Possession Card). Personnel who have not obtained a *Waffenbesitzkarte* prior to 01 January 2001 must either secure their POFs in a unit's arms room or a community rod and gun club.

b. Due to more stringent laws concerning POFs, personnel are highly recommended to ship their POFs out of Germany. Personnel who wish to ship their POF must contact the Vehicle and Weapons Registration Office for shipping procedures.

c. If personnel wish to transfer the ownership of a POF, the buyer must have a *Waffenbesitzkarte* in order for the transaction to be processed.

6. Currently, no POFs should be shipped into USAREUR. However, should personnel arrive with weapons, the weapon immediately needs to be placed in a unit's arms room and the Vehicle and Weapons Registration Office notified. Additionally, if a person is found to have committed a prior CRC offense, any POFs owned by the person will become the unit's responsibility.

7. The Point of Contact is the Provost Marshal, 235th BSB at DSN 468-1580.

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